DRB-HICOM GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR APPOINTED AS UMP PROCHANCELLOR

he appointment of DRB-Hicom Group Managing Director, Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil Jamil as Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Pro-Chancellor was seen as a move that could lead to valuable service and contribution that would be beneficial in enhancing the university's excellence.

This was expressed by UMP Chancellor His Highness Tengku Mahkota of Pahang, Tengku Abdullah Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'inBillah who graced the installation ceremony of UMP's first Pro-Chancellor and presented scrolls to graduates in the first session of the university's convocation held last October 13, 2012.

Tengku Abdullah also conferred honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Technology Management) to former PROTON Holdings Berhad, Chief Executive Officer, Tengku Tan Sri Mahaleel Tengku Ariff, in recognition to his contribution in Malaysia's automotive industry.

"The conferment is a dedication and appreciation towards his excellent service as the university's first Chairman of the board of director between 2002 and 2006," he said.

Tengku Abdullah also said he valued UMP's commitment when responding to calls to introduce Kuala Pahang Mahkota ECER Empower that clearly benefitted

the people in the area where UMP Pekan campus was located.

The programme was an initiative conducted with the cooperation from the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC).

Tengku Abdullah hoped UMP and its strategic partners could extend similar human resource development initiatives in other suitable areas in Pahang.

A total of 2,075 graduates received their scrolls – 19 with doctoral degrees, 48 with master's degrees, 1,345 with bachelor degrees and 662 with diplomas. They were from eight faculties and two learning centres.

Thirteen graduates received awards and outstanding academic prizes

The Royal Academic Award (Outstanding

Achievement Medal) went to Computer Systems & Networking bachelor degree graduate, Shamsuri Nasrudi and Project Management bachelor degree graduate, Kancahana A/P Munisamy.

The Chancellor Award went to Computer Science (Software Engineering) bachelor degree graduate, Niak Jian Ran while the Gold Award recipients were Electrical Engineering (Electronics) bachelor degree, Ching Wai Hong and Hooi Hoover of Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources.

Pahang Foundation Award went to Ho Ka Hui, a bachelor degree graduate in Mechanical Engineering (Manufacturing Engineering) while the HeiTech Outstanding Industry Prize recipient was bachelor degree graduate in Computer Science (Software Engineering), Abang Fairul Syarmil Abang